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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

PATENT APPLICATION

Applicants : Michael Lax et al.  
Application No. : 10/796,332 Confirmation No. : 2003  
Filed : March 8, 2004  
For : CASE WITH INTERNAL LOCK  
Group Art Unit : 3676  
Examiner : Lloyd A. Gall

New York, New York 10020

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME  
AND REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

Petition Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)  
for Extension of Time

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a 1-month extension of time to respond to the Office action dated March 6, 2006. With the extension, a reply is due on or before August 6, 2006.

Please charge \$330.00 to Deposit Account  
No. 06-1075 (Order No. 099999-0099) in payment of the amount

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required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(2) (\$450.00) less the amount required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1) (\$120.00), which was paid concurrently with a June 23, 2006 Petition for Extension of Time and Reply to Office Action.

The Director is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required, or to credit overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 06-1075 (Order No. 099999-0099). A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed herewith.

Reply to Office Action

In reply to the Office Action dated March 6, 2006, applicants amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments of the claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 12 of this paper.